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BOARD OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY EXAMINEE **PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES** **JUNE 8, 2017**

I. CALL TO ORDER

This scheduled meeting of the Board of Marriage and Family therapy Examiners was called to Order at by Board Secretary Lorraine Barry at 9:47 a.m., in the Hudson Conference Room, 124 Halsey Street, 6th floor, Newark, New Jersey.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Ben K. Beitin, LMFT, *Board Chair* (arrived at 10:00 a.m.)
Lorraine Barry, LMFT, *Board Secretary*
Johanna Klena, LCSW, *Government Member* (available via phone)
Edward Reading, LCADC, *Board Member (Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee Liaison)*
Ketrin Saud Maxwell, LPC, *Board Member (Professional Counselor Committee Liaison)*
Mia Sena, *Public Member*
Michelle Weinberg, LMFT, *Board Member*

Excused:

Alyson Smith, *Board Member*

Absent:

Eileen Thornton, *Public Member*

Also in attendance:

Shirley Dickstein, *Deputy Attorney General*
Milagros B. Collazo, *Executive Director*
Celeste Paige, *Administrative Staff*
Danielle McKenzie, *Administrative Staff*

Announcement of Quorum

Board Secretary Lorraine Barry announced the presence of quorum and read the Sunshine Law: "In accordance with Chapter 231 of P.L. 1975, more commonly referred to as the Sunshine Law, adequate notice of this meeting was provided by mail to the Office of the Secretary of State of New Jersey, The Newark Star Ledger, The Trenton Times, The Bergen Record and the Courier Post. Adequate notice of this meeting was also posted on the Board's web page."

III. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC MINUTES

- A. Upon a motion by Edward Reading, seconded by Michelle Weinberg, the public minutes of the May 11, 2017 meeting were approved as amended. Voting in favor: All

IV. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 45:8b-13, the Board held its election of officers.

Upon a motion by Edward Reading, seconded by Ketrin Saud Maxwell, Lorraine Barry was nominated as Board Chairperson. Voting in favor: ALL

Upon a motion by Lorraine Barry, seconded by Ketrin Saud Maxwell, Johanna Klena was nominated as Board Vice-Chairperson. Voting in favor: ALL

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

Inga Schnee, New Jersey Association of Marriage and Family Therapy representative and Laverne Depeine, permit holder attended the public meeting.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

As of June 7, 2017, Milagros Collazo reported that there are 547 active licensed marriage and family therapy examiners (LMFT), 200 inactive LMFTs, 3917 active licensed professional counselors, 382 inactive LPCs, 1,854 active licensed associate counselors, 68 inactive LACs, 2,015 active licensed clinical alcohol and drug counselors (LCADC), 152 inactive LCADCs, 717 active certified alcohol and drug counselors (CADC) and 53 inactive CADCs, 1,211 active alcohol and drug interns and 731 pending alcohol and drug counselor intern applications.

VII. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

A. N.J.A.C. 13:34C-5.2(d)

The Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee has a proposed revision to their continuing education requirement. The proposal was published for public comment and received one comment in support. The Committee proposes that instead of a six (6) hour legal standards course, the 6 hour course will be required for the initial license renewal and three (3) credits for every subsequent biennial renewal. The Committee must approve the Legal Standards course. Webinars are acceptable format.

Upon on a motion by Edward Reading, seconded by Ketrin Saud Maxwell, the Board approved the revisions to the regulations as published. Voting in favor: All

B. Senate Bill 3131

This Bill requires hospitals to inquire whether patients have a substance use disorder and establish protocols for providing or referring to treatment.

Upon a motion by Lorraine Barry, seconded by Edward Reading, the Board determined to support the bill. *Voting in favor: All*

C. Senate Bill 3163

This Bill concerns expansion of mental health screening services provided by the Department of Human Services. Upon a motion by Lorraine Barry, seconded by Edward Reading, the Board determined to support the bill with the inclusion of all mental health professionals.

Voting in favor: All

D. Assembly Bill 4470

This Bill establishes Behavioral Health Services Task Force; makes appropriation.

Upon a motion by Michelle Weinberg, seconded by Ketrin Saud Maxwell, the Board determined to accept the Bill as informational. *Voting in favor: All*

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

None

IX. NEW BUSINESS

The Board reviewed the May 16, 2017 email submitted by Kenneth McGill, President of New Jersey Association of Marriage and Family Therapists requesting its support for their proposal to establish an associate license for marriage and family therapists.

Regulatory Analyst Rachel Glasgow informed the Board that permission from the Attorney General and the Director's Offices are required to send a letter of support.

Upon a motion by Edward Reading, seconded by Ketrin Saud Maxwell the Board will ask the Director of the Division of Consumer Affairs for permission to send a letter of continued support on behalf of NJAMFT's efforts to establish an associate license for marriage and family therapists. Voting in favor: All

X. CORRESPONDENCE

Former Board member James Verser, LMFT contacted the office to get information on pertinent items to present at the Annual Conference. The Board will inform Mr. Verser that child custody and dual relationship issues are hot topics.

XI. AAMFTRB/NJAMFT MATTERS

The Board was informed that Roseann Bennett may be running office with the New Jersey Association of Marital and Family Therapy. The Board determined to mail NJAAMFT a copy of Mrs. Bennett's filed Consent Order.

XII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Professional Counselor Committee

1. The Committee continues to work on draft definitions for parenting/child custody evaluations and parenting/custody time recommendations and court related matters for integration into Chapter 31.
2. Three of the Committee's members presented at the May 5 -7, 2017 NJCA Annual Conference.

B. Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee

No new items to report.

C. E-Therapy/Internet Counseling Committee

The Committee is working on model regulations and items to be completed in Informed Consent provisions.

XIII. CREDENTIAL REVIEW

The following applications were approved:

A. Licensure

1. Patricia Martucci
2. Margaret Vaughn
3. Hazel B. Walker

B. Examination Authorization

1. Alice P. Farmer

C. 3 Year Temporary Permit

1. Paul J. Maranski
2. Stefanie Santiago

XIV. NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board will take place on July 13, 2017 at 9:30 a.m., 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

July	13, 2017	October 12, 2017
August	10, 2017	November 9, 2017
September	14, 2017	December 14, 2017

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion by Edward Reading, seconded by Lorraine Barry, the Board moved to Executive session at 10:39 a.m. to conduct an investigation inquiry, to review complaints and other disciplinary matters.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Edward Reading, seconded by Michelle Weinberg the Board adjourned the meeting at 1:42 p.m.